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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Updates

### Phase 1

- All Five Aviation Projects Under Construction
- Phase 1 Transit Projects Pending Grant Approval
- All Phase 1 Highway Projects Certified by Governor
- GDOT Exceeded the 50% Obligation of Funds for Phase 1 by the Deadline of June 30th
- To Date – 75 Highway/Aviation Projects given Notices to Proceed (NTP) Valued at Over \$144 Million in Contracts
- All MPO's Sub-Allocated Highway Projects are Certified (except Augusta)
- GDOT ARRA Reporting to USDOT Well Underway

### Phase 2

- Approximately \$100 Million in ARRA highway funds from Phase 1 Rolled Over into Phase 2 Due to Low Contract Bids and Moving Contingencies to Another Fund Source
- Board Approved Highway Projects Total \$492 Million in Phase 2
- Phase 2 Highway Projects must be let by December 2009
- 62% of Funding in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA)
- GDOT will Maximize Number of Individual Contracts
- Statewide Transit Providers ARRA Meeting August 21st
- Transit Call For Projects – September 25th
- Review and Select Transit Projects – October 2009

**See the list of all of the State Transportation Board approved projects for Phase 2 funding in Congressional District 8 at the end of this newsletter.**

## BOARD ACTIVITY AUGUST 19-20 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The State Transportation Board held its regularly scheduled meetings on August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of 28 project lettings were approved for September totaling over \$155 million. During FY09, the Board approved lettings for 280 contracts valued at over \$533 million for projects across the 13 Congressional Districts. In addition to the full Board meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, four committees met in advance: Public Private Partnerships (P3); Legislative; Administrative; and Finance. Below are highlights of these meetings.



*Board Members discuss financial issues during the August 20th meeting.*

**Public Private Partnerships (P3)** - Assistant Treasurer Earl Mahfuz provided an overview of the recent progress made on Public Private Partnerships – or what is now called P3. In the past couple of months, the Department has established a steering committee for determining project parameters, has compiled a draft list of potential P3 projects for Georgia as now required by law, had an internal workshop with RBC and Nossaman. Additionally, Mahfuz confirmed that despite the economic downturn, there are still firms interested in investing in P3 projects. He also stated that the Department intends to hold an industry-wide forum for potential investors later this fiscal year.

**Legislative** - Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., addressed the Committee, stating his commitment to a successful Legislative Session by preparing in advance. Commissioner Smith recommended presenting facts, meeting with the members of the Appropriations and Transportation Committees, and stressing funding requirements.

Commissioner Smith stated that the Department must carry the torch for funding in Georgia. Key emphasis should be placed on making sure transportation options meet the needs of citizens and businesses. He also recommended that we strengthen our existing relationships with Georgia's Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC.

**Administrative** - Chief Operating Officer Steve Henry presented a proposal on changing the Department's existing LOGO program. The current program contract expires on June 30, 2010. Each year, the Department receives \$3.25 million in revenue from the contract. Staff is recommending the Board consider a new fee structure and the addition of both pharmacies and RV friendly categories of signage. Several Board members requested additional information on the history and projections for the program. Additionally, it was questioned if the current vendor would consider renewing the existing contract for a 1-yr term. The Committee took no action.

**Finance** - Treasurer Kate Pfirman advised the committee that \$30 million in de-authorizations had been realized, bringing the total to approximately \$190 million since the project implementation.

Kate Pfirman reviewed the status of FY09. These figures are unaudited, but the Department ended the year with a balanced budget. There is an estimated surplus of \$577 million, but it is important to note that this figure includes Federal funds which could not be used without creating a larger motor fuel deficit. The Department also complied with Governor Perdue's mandate that each agency lapse funds back to the State Treasury - for GDOT, the amount was \$1 million, reducing our intermodal and data collections activities since it is regular state funds.

For FY 2010, the budget is being compiled based on the worst case scenario of the Governor's potential mandated cuts of 4%, 6% or 8%. Preparing for a required reduction of an additional 8% of State General Funds directly impacts the aviation, transit and data collections programs, and brings the total amended budget request is \$2.184 billion. The official request must be presented to OPB by September 30, 2009. The Committee will make a final review of the FY10 amended budget request in the September meetings.

### TIGER Grant Criteria Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery—\$1.5 Billion Nationally

- All applications are due to USDOT via email by September 15th
- Grants may be no less than \$20M and not greater than \$300M
- No more than \$300M will be awarded to any single state
- Funds can be used to cover 100% of project
- Priority given to grants that fill a financial gap
- Priority given to projects to be completed by February 17, 2012

#### GDOT APPLICATIONS FOR FIVE PROJECTS ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

*I-20 Eastside Collector-Distributor (CD) Lanes  
in DeKalb County*

*I-75 South Managed Lanes in Henry County*

*Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension at the  
Savannah Port*

*Truman Parkway Phase V in Chatham County*

*Commuter Rail—Atlanta to Macon*

### September Lettings in CD 8

**Newton County**  
**SR 162/SALEM ROAD @ CR 33/  
SPRING ROAD**  
*Traffic Management/Traffic  
Engineering*

**Baldwin County**  
**SR 22@LITTLE FISHING CRK  
&@NS RR|SR 29@CAMP CRK-  
BRIDGE REHAB**  
*Bridge Rehabilitation with No Added  
Capacity*

**PROPOSED STEEL BEAM  
REPAIR @ LOCS - STATEWIDE**  
*Bridge Rehabilitation with No Added  
Capacity*

### Todd I. Long, P.E., P.T.O.E. Confirmed by House Transportation Committee as Director of Planning

On Wednesday, August 19th, the membership of the House Transportation Committee unanimously confirmed Governor Perdue's appointment of Todd Long as the new Director of Planning at GDOT. In his capacity, Long will be responsible for a variety of planning and reporting requirements.

*Members of the  
House Transportation  
Committee  
question Long at  
the hearing.*



**SPECIAL NOTE:** A special **GDOT Budget** newsletter will be released late next week.

Topics covered will include a review of Fiscal Year 2009, the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, an analysis of how the Department balanced the FY2009 books as of June 30, 2009, and transportation funding needs for Georgia.

## BOARD APPROVED PHASE 2 ARRA PROJECTS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

Cong Dist	County	Description	Work Type	Construction Total within Cong Dist	Economically Distressed Area
8	COLQUITT	CR 186/HAGIN STILL ROAD @ OCHLOCKONEE RIVER SE OF DOERUN	Bridges	\$1,625,230	EDA
8	TIFT	CR 411/SCOOTERVILLE ROAD @ TY TY CREEK 6.5 MI NW OF OMEGA	Bridges	\$3,208,173	EDA
8	NEWTON	SR 142 FM SOUTH OF SR 12/US 278 TO CR 72 IN COVINGTON	Widening	\$1,360,000	EDA
8	BLECKLEY	I-16 FROM SR 96/TWIGGS TO SR 26/LAURENS	Concrete Rehab	\$40,202,894	EDA
8	BEN HILL	Osierfield Road from SR 206 to Irwin County Line	Resurfacing	\$160,600	EDA
8	BIBB	SR 87 FROM TWIGGS COUNTY LINE TO S OF CR 79/NORTHSIDE DRIVE	Resurface & Maintenance	\$5,341,273	
8	BIBB	SR 49 FROM W OF SR 22 TO E OF SR 11	Resurface & Maintenance	\$468,160	
8	BIBB	SR 11 FROM SR 247/US 41 TO S OF OCMULGEE RIVER	Resurface & Maintenance	\$5,608,337	
8	BUTTS	Brownlee Road	Resurfacing	\$642,364	EDA
8	BUTTS	SR 16 FROM CS 553/FORREST AVE TO E OF CS 593/PULLIAM DRIVE	Resurface & Maintenance	\$453,699	EDA
8	COLQUITT	West Boulevard	Resurfacing	\$325,000	EDA
8	HOUSTON	SR 127 FM SW OF SR 11/US 341 TO N OF CS 843/KINGS CHAPEL RD	Resurface & Maintenance	\$181,439	
8	HOUSTON	SR 247/US 129 FROM PULASKI COUNTY LINE TO SR 247 SPUR	Resurface & Maintenance	\$2,025,437	
8	JASPER	SR 16 FROM SR 11 TO PUTNAM COUNTY LINE	Resurface & Maintenance	\$2,630,271	EDA
8	JONES	Resurfacing: Bowen Hill Rd.	Resurfacing	\$479,700	EDA
8	JONES	SR 44/US 129 FROM SR 18 TO CEDAR CREEK	Resurface & Maintenance	\$3,819,551	EDA
8	LAMAR	SR 7 FM CRAWFORD COUNTY LINE TO N OF CS 600/REDBUD RD/LAMAR	Resurface & Maintenance	\$1,437,208	PARTIAL EDA
8	LAURENS	Robertson Street from US 80 to Knox Street	Resurfacing	\$26,243	EDA
8	LAURENS	Resurfacing on Old Macon Road (CR 526)	Resurfacing	\$506,000	EDA
8	NEWTON	SR 142 FROM JASPER COUNTY LINE TO SR 12	Resurface & Maintenance	\$1,935,946	EDA
8	PULASKI	Burnt Bridge CR 198 from GA Hwy 26 - GA Hwy 230	Resurfacing	\$491,494	EDA
8	PULASKI	SR 11 FROM WILCOX COUNTY LINE TO N OF CR 97/MANSFIELD ROAD	Resurface & Maintenance	\$2,269,308	EDA
8	TIFT	Old Union Road – Approximately 5 miles of resurfacing	Resurfacing	\$450,000	EDA
8	TURNER	Warwick Highway – 1.58 miles of resurfacing	Resurfacing	\$157,000	EDA
8	TWIGGS	Sagoda/Huber Road	Resurfacing	\$794,000	EDA
8	Worth	Phillip Causey Road (CR 415) from SR 33 to Sumner Road	Resurfacing	\$495,000	EDA
8	BIBB	SR 87/MACON FM JOE TAMPLIN EXT TO & ALONG WEAVER RD TO W.ELK	Auxiliary Lanes	\$13,713,644	
8	BUTTS	SR 42/US 23 PASSING LANES @ 2 LOC BT JACKSON & JENKINSBURG	Passing Lanes	\$8,972,892	EDA
8	NEWTON	SR 162/SALEM ROAD @ CR 33/SPRING ROAD	Intersection Im- provement	\$1,061,388	EDA

*Special Board Committee Workshop August 25th—Atlanta*  
*Next Board Meeting September 17th —Atlanta*